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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Social Affairs, Employment and Education

on actions in the educational field  
specifically to promote contact between  
the citizens of the Community

Rapporteur: Mr F.G. van der GUN

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On 12 March 1979 Mr ALBERS tabled a motion for a resolution on actions in the educational field specifically to promote contact between the citizens of the Community.

On the same date this resolution was referred by the European Parliament to the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

At its meeting of 30 April 1979 the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education appointed its chairman, Mr F.G. van der GUN, rapporteur.

At the same meeting it unanimously adopted the original motion for a resolution (Doc. 679/78) with a minor addendum.

Present: Mr van der Gun, chairman and rapporteur, Mr Albers, Mr Caro, Mr Dinesen, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mr Meintz, Lord Murray of Gravesend, Mr Pisoni, Mr Power and Mr Schreiber.

At its meeting of 7 May 1979 the Committee on Budgets decided not to deliver an opinion at this stage and to define its position within the framework of the draft budget for 1980.

The Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education proposes that the European Parliament should consider this report by the procedure without debate (Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure).

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The Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on actions in the educational field specifically to promote contact between the citizens of the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr ALBERS (Doc. 679/78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 149/79),
- whereas the Community has an undeniable responsibility in the field of education because the new opportunities and new responsibilities which it creates will be accessible to the citizens of the Member States only if the necessary adjustments are made in the educational policy field,
- whereas the Community must promote measures to enable its citizens to study European affairs in courses of varying duration and to increase the opportunities for Community citizens to meet one another,
- whereas contacts at intellectual level between Community citizens can best be promoted through educational institutions,
- whereas residential adult education, in the form of folk high schools and Europe Houses, constitutes an excellent means of fostering intellectual contact between adults; whereas contacts can be systematically expanded through teacher and pupil exchanges, and whereas action is required in the field of language teaching, since the teaching of Community languages has deteriorated rather than improved in recent years,
- having regard to the reports by Mrs Kellett-Bowman (Doc. 158/78), Mr Power (Doc. 410/78) and Mr Meintz (Doc. 480/78) and the resolutions adopted on 16 June<sup>1</sup>, 16 November<sup>2</sup> and 14 December 1978<sup>3</sup> on the basis thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 163, 10.7.1978, p. 72

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 296, 11.12.1978, p. 49

<sup>3</sup> OJ No. C 6, 8.1.1979, p. 59

1. Requests that the following new items be included in the Community's budget for 1980:

	Payment appropriations	Commitment appropriations
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3923 Language teaching	350,000	650,000
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3925 Teacher exchanges	1,000,000	1,000,000

2. Calls on the Commission to submit to the Council concrete programmes in the above areas which can be put into operation as from 1 January 1980, so that the many different efforts being made in the Member States can be encouraged and given direct financial support;
3. Calls on the Council to hold a meeting of Ministers of Education as soon as possible in order to incorporate the measures requested into the education programme and to take the necessary decisions of substance on the new budgetary items;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (Doc. 679/78)

tabled by Mr W. ALBERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

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